

DISCIPLINE: Web Accessibility

Discipline Roadmap for: Web Accessibility

Current	2 Years	5 Years	
Baseline Environment Initial efforts to date have focused on on-going: <ul style="list-style-type: none">•Research•Education•Training•Collaboration•Agency Partnerships	Tactical Deployment Continue efforts to keep Internet sites accessible and work towards making Intranet sites accessible by July 2008. Minimal Requirements: Section 508 Standards Best practices: W3C-WAI Guidelines	Strategic Direction The standards and guidelines should be reviewed annually to ensure agency Web sites are in compliance with the latest revisions to state and federal laws,	
		Shared ✓	Agency
Retirement Targets Not Applicable	Mainstream Platforms Not Applicable		
Containment Targets Not Applicable		Emerging Platforms Not Applicable	
Implications and Dependencies South Carolina state government Web sites shall be designed to be accessible, so that people with disabilities have access to online information, data, and services comparable to that accorded individuals who do not have disabilities.			
Roadmap Notes – For more details and information, please reference the Web Accessibility Policy listed on the SC Enterprise Architecture website under ‘Information’ & ‘Documents/Forms’ at www.cio.sc.gov			

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■ Discipline Boundaries:

- This standard applies to internal and external accessible websites and applications.

■ Migration Considerations:

- Each agency should continue to conduct self-assessments of its web presence and maintain a written plan that is sent to the CIO. If an agency has not created a plan, they should do so immediately. A plan template, sample plan, and checklist of required elements for the plan are located at <http://www.access-sc.org/tools.shtml>
- Minimum requirements (Section 508 standards) were to be completed by July 2006. Best practices (W3C-WAI Guidelines) are encouraged.

■ Exception Considerations:

- It is not required that all pages be retrofitted. Excluded are: legacy pages that do not require content update and instances in which undue burden can be proven.
- Each agency shall establish a mechanism for collecting and responding within a reasonable length of time to comments, complaints and suggestions about accessibility of its Web presence.

■ Miscellaneous Notes:

- To provide assistance to agencies, the South Carolina Web Accessibility Workgroup of the Assistive Technology Advisory Committee (ATAC) has an official State of South Carolina Accessibility Web site (www.access-sc.org) to provide a list of resources and training opportunities.

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